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Title : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROGRAMMING
USER-DEFINED INFORMATION INTO ELECTRONIC
DEVICES

Examiner : Tuan H. Nguyen

Group Art Unit : 2618

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with MPEP §§ 2001 and 2002, applicant hereby makes the documents listed below of record in the above-identified application.

U.S. Patents

Mincer, et al.	5,262,875	November 16, 1993
Verbiest, et al.	5,550,577	August 27, 1996
Helferich	6,253,061	June 26, 2001
Will	6,392,640	May 21, 2002
Isomursu, et al.	6,400,958	June 4, 2002
Bowman-Amuah	6,477,580	November 5, 2002
Fitzgerald	6,564,056	May 13, 2003

Mills, et al.	6,599,147	July 29, 2003
Ichihashi	6,603,985	August 5, 2003
Crockett, et al.	6,718,021	April 6, 2004
Khan, et al.	6,754,509	June 22, 2004
Tischer	7,013,006	March 14, 2006
Deeds	7,020,497	March 28, 2006
Busardo, et al.	7,031,453	April 18, 2006
Yamada	7,035,675	April 25, 2006
Slate	7,113,981	September 26, 2006
Futamase, et al.	7,119,268	October 10, 2006
Park, et al.	7,119,368	October 10, 2006
Futamase, et al.	7,161,081	January 9, 2007
Ito	7,203,523	April 10, 2007
Hunter, et al.	7,209,900	April 24, 2007
Lee, et al.	6,728,531	April 27, 2004
Abecassis	6,192,340	February 20, 2001
Shanahan	6,496,692	December 17, 2002
Shanahan	7,149,509	December 12, 2006
Shanahan	7,257,395	August 14, 2007
Shanahan	7,289,798	October 30, 2007
Shanahan	7,295,864	November 13, 2007
Shanahan	7,319,866	January 15, 2008
Shanahan	US2005/0086128 A1	April 21, 2005
Shanahan	US2004/0148226 A1	July 29, 2004
Shanahan	US2007/0099605 A1	May 3, 2007
Shanahan	US2007/0099604 A1	May 3, 2007

Foreign Office Action

Canadian Office Action issued by the Canadian Patent Office on December 29, 2004, in connection with Canadian Application No. 2,436,872 (copy included)

Foreign Patent Document

Shanahan WO 01/41403 June 7, 2001 (copy included)

Other Document

International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued March 25, 2002, issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/32920 (copy included)

Related Cases

Applicant again draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case. These cases may be considered to have claims substantially similar to, and thus are material to, the patentability of the claims in this case. Furthermore, the cases below have rejected over the same or similar prior art as this case.

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,122 (pending rejection)

U.S. Patent application No. 11/633,142 (pending rejection)

It is respectfully requested the Examiner fully consider these and any associated documents during the examination of this application, make them of record, and indicate his or her consideration of the documents by initialing the enclosed Citation List adjacent the citation of each document, and print them on any patent that may issue on this application. It is requested that a copy of the initialed Citation form be returned to the applicant's undersigned Attorney.

As this application was filed after June 30, 2003 copies of cited patents and applications are not required, and are therefore not included.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott H. Kaliko', is written over a horizontal line.

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